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Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated November 22, 2000 finally rejecting Claims 1-25 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on for month(s).

A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate. 2.

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed. 3.

Fee \$310.00: for filing of Notice of Appeal

Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

Charge to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/JJM-381/TJS. Two additional copies of this Notice are enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment

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